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**AMENDMENT** 

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 1998, please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 4, delete "1.";

line 9, delete in its entirety and insert -- Discussion of the

Background--;

lines 11 and 12, delete "the induction of".

Page 2, line 1, change "then" to --thus--; same line/change "become" to --becomes--;

line 3, delete "OBJECT AND";

line 13, after "and" insert -- a plurality of-

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attendant advantages of the present invention will be more fully appreciated as the same becomes better understood from the following detailed description when considered in connection with the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters designate like or corresponding parts throughout the several views and wherein:

Page 3, line 9, delete "DETAILED".

Page 4, line 14, change "any way" to --modified as needed --;

line 17, change "have" to --creates--;

line 18, change "for reasons of" to --in terms of --.

Page 5, line 2, change "A way" to -- The manner

line 3, change "way" to --type of coupling-

line 5, change "body." to --body thus resulting.--.

line 6, change "has" to --creates--;

line 7, change "problem for sanitary reasons on an" to --sanitary

problems in--;

line 20, change "A" to -- The-,

line 21, change "in" to --with--;

Page 6, line 3, change "a function to" to -- the function of --;

line 4, change "peel and remove" to peeling and removing --;

line 7, change "no problem in sanitation" to -creates no problems in

terms of sanitation--;

line 11, change "is" to --are-;

line 17, change "A" to --The-